

The Order of the Day, being the Report of the majority of the Committee on the Bill of Rights,

Was taken up.

The Convention resumed the consideration of the twenty-third Article of the Report.

Mr. Clarke submitted the following amendment:

Amend by striking out all after the word "that," in line 1st, and insert "from and after the first day of January 1865, there shall in this State be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, and all persons held to service or labor as slaves are hereby declared free from and after the first day of January 1865; provided the Congress of the United States shall, before the first day of January 1865, make an appropriation to the State of Maryland, of not less than twenty millions of dollars, to aid the State of Maryland in providing compensation to the owners of slave property, and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States shall certify to the Governor of this State that the said sum of money is subject to the draft of the Treasurer of the State of Maryland, to be disposed of by the Legislature of the State, to pay the owners of slaves for their slaves hereby declared free; and provided further, that unless Congress shall make the said appropriation as hereinbefore provided, this section shall be null and void, and it is hereby declared that it shall be of no effect whatever;"

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Daniel,

At 3 o'clock, P. M., the Convention adjourned.